

Dear Commissioners:

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I am writing in support of SBC Ameritech Michigan's entry into long distance in Michigan. I applaud the role that the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has helped open the state's local telephone market for competition. As a former legislator that helped pass the legislation to promote this open market, I am anxious to open the competitive door even wider for Michigan residents.

I support SBC's application to compete for long distance customers in Michigan because all telephone companies should be able to compete for all customers. Other states are enjoying this full competition and it is now time for Michigan's customers to enjoy this phone savings for their household.

SBC has maintained a high level of commitment to Michigan's economy and continues to invest in Michigan's infrastructure and employees. Allowing SBC to enter the long distance market will benefit our state's telecommunication industry and ultimately allow the consumer to be the ultimate winners.

I encourage the FCC to support SBC's 271 long distance application and allow Michigan residents to start enjoying lower phone bills by the provider of their choice.

Sincerely, Mark C. Jansen

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